

**MCR Background and Policy Direction Council Reports**

To support planning for growth and to inform the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR), a series of background and direction reports for have been presented to the Council outlined in Table 1.

**Table 1: Background and Policy Direction Council Reports Informing the MCR**

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Report Title</b>   | <b>Purpose</b>   |
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| September 2021 | <a href="#">Alternate 2051 Forecast and Land Needs Assessment Scenarios in Response to Consultation</a> | This report summarizes input received through consultation, presents a high-level overview of the impacts of alternative scenarios, and recommends a growth scenario for inclusion in the draft Regional Official Plan (ROP).  |
| June 2021      | <a href="#">Regional Official Plan Update Policy Directions Report</a>                                  | This report summarizes preliminary policy directions for several topic areas as part of the ROP update being undertaken through the MCR.   |
| March 2021     | <a href="#">York Region Foundational Housing Analysis – Final Report</a>                                | This report provides an assessment of the York Region long-term housing forecast to the year 2051 as part of its current MCR and ROP Review. This report also reviews recent housing trends and residential development activity in York Region, long-term housing growth outlook by tenure, and housing affordability needs.  |
| March 2021     | <a href="#">Proposed 2051 Forecast and Land Needs Assessment</a>  | This report presents land needs to 2051 as a result of completing the mandated Provincial land needs assessment. Proposed population and employment forecasts by local municipality are presented for consultation as part of the MCR. This report provides an overview of the inputs, assumptions, and results of the Provincial land needs assessment and distribution of population and employment to local municipalities. |
| March 2021     | <a href="#">Regional Official Plan Update Policy Directions Report</a>                                  | This report summarizes preliminary policy directions for several topic areas as part of the ROP update being undertaken through the MCR.   |
| January 2021   | <a href="#">Regional Official Plan Update Housing Challenges and Opportunities</a>                      | This report outlines affordable housing challenges and provides a suite of innovative approaches available to increase housing options. The report outlines housing policy directions prompted by  |

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|                |   | updates to Provincial Plans and makes recommendations to support future work on expanding housing options.  |
| December 2020  | <a href="#">Public Health Benefits of Complete Communities</a>                    | This report uses data to demonstrate the value of complete communities from a public health perspective as they promote active lifestyles in that they are walkable, provide access to transit and offer a range of community amenities, services and housing options at the neighbourhood level.         |
| December 2020  | <a href="#">Regional Official Plan Update Policy Directions Report</a>            | This report summarizes preliminary policy directions for several topic areas as part of the ROP update being undertaken through the MCR.  |
| October 2020   | <a href="#">Potential for Employment Lands Along 400 Series Highways</a>          | This report responds to the Council resolution of April 30, 2020 directing staff to report back on the competitive benefits to the Region if employment uses were to be permitted on lands along 400 series highways currently located within the Protected Countryside of the Provincial Greenbelt Plan. |
| October 2020   | <a href="#">Proposed Employment Area Mapping and Employment Conversions</a>       | This report sets out recommendations on 70 site-specific requests for employment area conversion and proposes employment area mapping.  |
| September 2020 | <a href="#">Major Transit Station Areas Endorsement Report</a>                    | This report proposes boundary delineations, minimum density targets and preliminary policy directions for Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs) in the ROP update being undertaken through the MCR.   |
| June 2020      | <a href="#">Regional Official Plan Natural Systems Planning Background Report</a> | This report introduces the approach to updating natural systems (natural heritage system and water resource system) as part of the ROP update.  |
| June 2020      | <a href="#">Planning for Density in New Communities</a>                           | This report responds to the Council resolution of January 30, 2020 to report back on the New Community Area and Designated Greenfield Area densities, and the process that will update Local Official Plans and Secondary Plans to conform to densities in the updated ROP.                               |
| May 2020       | <a href="#">Municipal Comprehensive Review Update</a>                             | This memorandum provides an overview of the MCR and ROP Review and Update process including implications of the release of the updated Land Needs Assessment Methodology and new Growth Plan Schedule 3 (population and employment forecasts),  |

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|              |   | and the advancement of technical and policy work related to the MCR.   |
| March 2020   | <a href="#">Major Transit Station Areas Update</a>  | This report provides Council with an update on proposed MTSAs, including ongoing refinements to boundary delineations and minimum density targets. It also provides an update on consultation as part of development of the Intensification Strategy for the MCR.  |
| March 2020   | <a href="#">Planning for Employment and Employment Conversions</a>                        | This report proposes employment area mapping and sets out staff recommendations in response to 71 site specific requests for employment area conversion.   |
| March 2020   | <a href="#">Climate Change Action Plan Report</a>   | This report presents the draft York Region Climate Change Action Plan and outlines next steps.   |
| October 2019 | <a href="#">Employment Area Conversion Process Update</a>                                 | This report provides Council with an update on the employment area conversion evaluation process for the MCR and progress to date.   |
| June 2019    | <a href="#">Planning for Agriculture Background Report</a>                                | This report includes background analysis and a proposed approach for implementation of the agricultural system and Provincial mapping as part of the MCR to update the ROP.  |
| June 2019    | <a href="#">Growth and Infrastructure Alignment Report</a>                                | This report outlines principles for the purposes of informing York Region's 2041 growth forecast as part of the MCR. This includes optimizing existing investments before triggering investments in additional infrastructure to meet Provincial growth targets while supporting the principles of the Region's fiscal strategy. |
| May 2019     | <a href="#">Future Employment Trends Study</a>  | This study provides background information for employment conversions and outlines trends in the composition of economic activity and employment growth, as well as changing locational preference, built forms and patterns of real estate development.   |
| May 2019     | <a href="#">Planning for Employment Background Report</a>                                 | This report provides background analysis and forms the basis for consultation on a proposed employment framework as part of the MCR to update the ROP.   |
| May 2019     | <a href="#">Memorandum- A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe</a> | This memorandum provides Committee with a high level summary of the amended Growth Plan – A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe which came into effect on May 16, 2019.  |
| April 2019   | <a href="#">Planning for Intensification Background Report</a>                            | This report provides background analysis informing the Region's Intensification Strategy which forms part of the MCR to update the   |

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|            |   | ROP. The report includes draft delineations and minimum density targets for MTSA's and strategic growth areas.  |
| March 2019 | <a href="#">Proposed Employment Area Conversion Criteria</a>      | This report provides employment area conversion criteria to be applied by staff when considering requests for employment area conversions during the Regional MCR.  |
| March 2018 | <a href="#">York Region 2017 Vacant Employment Land Inventory</a> | This report provides Council with an overview of the supply and characteristics of vacant employment lands in York Region as of mid-year 2017. Data contained in this report will serve as input to the Region's Employment Strategy as part of the MCR and ROP update. |

**Table 2: Background and Policy Direction Council Reports Superseded**

In Table 2, with some limited exceptions, the majority of work detailed through these Council reports has been superseded by more recent work to reflect changes in Provincial direction.

| Date           | Report Title  | Purpose   |
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| October 2017   | <a href="#">Implications of the New Provincial Plans and Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review Work Plan</a>                                | This report provides Council with staff's review of the final Provincial Plans (Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan) released in May 2017, and a discussion of the key MCR directions. This report provides the updated work plan and schedule for the MCR prepared in response to the updated Provincial Plans. |
| May 2017       | <a href="#">2016 York Region Housing Supply</a>   | This report provides Council with an assessment of the Region's designated housing supply to accommodate both short and long-term growth as of mid-year 2016 and comments on the impact of housing supply and other factors influencing the price of housing.   |
| February 2016  | <a href="#">Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review Work Plan Update</a>  | This report provides Council with an update on the work plan components of the MCR and ROP update. This report also provides information regarding intensification and density targets of the Growth Plan and recommendations of the Panel Report on the Provincial Plan Reviews.   |
| November 2015  | <a href="#">York Region 2041 Preferred Growth Scenario Attachment 1; Attachment 2; Attachment 3; Attachment 4; Attachment 5; Attachment 6</a> | This report advises Council of the preferred growth scenario as part of the Region's MCR to conform with Amendment 2 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe which outlines population and employment forecasts to 2041.  |
| October 2015   | <a href="#">Employment Trends – Study and Next Steps</a>  | This report provides Council with an overview of an Employment Trends Study undertaken for the Region which addresses the impacts of these trends on employment growth anticipated for York Region to 2041.   |
| September 2015 | <a href="#">Draft Growth Scenario Evaluation</a>  | This report advises Council of an approach to the evaluation of the three draft growth scenarios presented to Council in April 2015. The evaluation provides input to the preferred scenario presented to Council in November 2015.   |
| April 2015     | <a href="#">2041 York Region Draft Growth Scenarios and Land Budget</a>   | This report presents population and employment forecasts to the year 2041 for three draft growth scenarios and a land budget.   |

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| March 2015 | <a href="#">Retail Trends – Study and Next Steps</a>              | This report provides Council with an overview of a Retail Trends Study undertaken for the Region and recommends next steps to direct the establishment of retail development. |
| March 2015 | <a href="#">Residential Unit Supply Inventory</a>                 | This report outlines the residential unit supply inventory in York Region to provide key input to the growth forecast scenario and land budget.                               |
| June 2014  | <a href="#">York Region Vacant Employment Land Inventory</a>      | This report provides an overview of vacant employment land in York Region to mid-year 2013.   |
| May 2014   | <a href="#">Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review Work Plan</a> | This report advises Council of the work plan components and anticipated timing of the Regional MCR.   |

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